

# SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.

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## Two Republican Planks.

### Mr. Bryan Wants to Know Why Congress Approves One and Repudiates the Other.

From The Commoner.

Republican newspapers are now urging the passage of the ship subsidy bill on the ground that the Republican party in its national platform promised the adoption of such a measure. It will be interesting to read the Republican plank relating to this question and the Republican plank relating to trusts and then observe the manner in which Republican newspapers and Republican leaders insist that each of these planks be carried out.

The Republican plank relating to shipping is as follows:

"Our present dependence upon foreign shipping for nine-tenths of our foreign carrying is a great loss to the industry of this country. It is also a serious danger to our trade, for its sudden withdrawal in the event of European wars would seriously cripple our expanding foreign commerce. The national defense and naval efficiency of this country, moreover, supply a compelling reason for legislation which will enable us to recover our former place among the trade carrying fleets of the world."

The Republican plank relating to trusts is as follows:

"We recognize the necessity and propriety of the honest co-operation of capital to meet new business conditions and especially to extend our rapidly increasing foreign trade, but we condemn all conspiracies and combinations intended to restrict business, to create monopolies, to limit production, or to control prices; and favor such legislation as will effectively restrain and prevent all such abuses, protect and promote competition and secure the rights of producers, laborers, and all who are engaged in industry and commerce."

Now it will be observed that no explicit pledge is made in the plank relating to shipping. That plank promised "legislation which will enable us to recover our former place among the trade carrying fleets of the world." But this did not necessarily mean legislation that would vote enormous subsidies into the pockets of a favored few, although the plank is being interpreted in that direction.

The plank relating to trusts was considerably plainer than the plank

relating to shipping. "All conspiracies and combinations intended to restrict business, to create monopolies, to limit production or control prices" were condemned in this plank of the Republican platform; and the people were promised "such legislation as will effectively restrain and prevent all such abuses, promote and protect competition and secure the rights of the producers, laborers, and all who are engaged in industry and commerce."

And yet how different is the position of Republican leaders today with respect to this trust pledge and the position of these same people with respect to the shipping pledge. In their platform they condemned the trust and they promised legislation that would prevent all such abuses and yet today the only remedy they have for these "conspiracies" is "publicity"—and not much of that. They close their eyes to the weapon immediately within their reach, the weapon suggested by Mr. Babcock, of Wisconsin, and the weapon proposed by the Kansas City platform, which would result in removing the tariff advantages from the products of the trust. The Republican platform referred to the trusts as "conspiracies," but the Republican president in his message referred to the trust magnates as "captains of industry."

Now if the ambiguous plank relating to shipping requires the passage of the ship subsidy bill on the ground that that plank was a solemn pledge to the people, why does not the explicit plank relating to trusts require fulfillment?

Will some Republican organ undertake to explain the zeal for the enactment of a law that will vote fortunes into the pockets of a few men under the pretense of carrying out an ambiguous plank, while there is a very apparent determination to repudiate the explicit pledge made in the plank relating to trusts—a plank which, if honestly carried out, would derive a number of "conspirators" of the opportunity of fleeing the people?

#### STILL AFTER HIM.

The Cash-Book Man Wants Mr. Russell to Clear Up The Charges Against Him.

From the Jackson Cash-Book.

The people have a right to ask a candidate for office to clear up any charge against him going to show his unfitness for the position to which he aspires.

It is said that Mr. Russell, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district, is not in sympathy with his party on one or more important principles of its faith; that he is a gambler; that he denounces the Democratic leaders in 1896 as a lot of "cranks" and "asses," which means that the 28,000 Democrats in this district were fools who followed those leaders in 1896 and whose votes he asks; that he declared he proposed to vote for Bryan, but would not do so if he thought his vote would elect him; that he is a gambler (and an expert one at that) at the card table; that he has become a rich man principally by gambling in the products of the farm in the grain pit in St. Louis. These charges, or nearly all of them, have been made against Mr. Russell all over the district, and he has been asked as a candidate soliciting a public trust and the people's confidence, to either deny or acknowledge them. He has so far refused to do either.

Now, do the Democrats of this district want to turn down a conscientious man who is not a gambler, one who has served them faithfully and well, who is not a man of wealth, one in sympathy with the masses, and elect Mr. Russell? The trouble with this country is that the people have allowed too many men whose sympathies and personal interests lie with the wealthy, easy-living, non-producing classes to occupy the law-making positions. We have no quarrel with the rich as a class; there are many noble, good men among them; but the rule is, when we elect a money-bag to help make our laws, his sympathies are with his brother money-bags, and he generally looks out for their interests and turns his back upon the masses who toil and moil.

So it is up to the Democrats of this district now to nominate for Congress either a conscientious, faithful representative of all the people's interests, or one whose greatest success seems to have been along the path of a lucky plunger in the grain pit.

#### Cheerfully Corrected.

"Say, Phil," said a friend of Mr. Russell as he entered the KICKER office Monday, "you say that when you see it in the KICKER it is so?" "Well, what's wrong now?" inquired the editor.

"In your last issue you said that Vandiver received but 74 votes in Charleston and that Stone received only 60 votes more than Wallace."

"I got it from a Charleston paper, yet perhaps it was not official."

Here our editor drew a copy of the Charleston Courier which showed the result to be:

PRESIDENT.	STONE.	WALLACE.
1	271	111
2	178	60
Total.	449	171

Mr. Russell received 311 in Charleston, while Mr. Vandiver received 138.

The error was not intentional and we cheerfully correct it. In fact, the error was unavoidable, because we took it from a Charleston paper which gave the vote: Stone, 271; Wallace, 211.

Our recollection is that these figures were taken from the Charleston Enterprise, and if the Courier is correct, then the Enterprise was wrong.

#### We Will Manage.

Some of our friends seem to fear that something will go wrong with the KICKER, and on several occasions during the past week the editor has been asked the question: "What will you do with your paper when you get to be county clerk?"

The friends of the KICKER need not fear. An additional printer will be all that is necessary. We can attend to the duties of the county clerk's office and attend to the KICKER quite as well as the present incumbent attends to the office and, in addition, attends to his duties as president of the Scott County Bank—saying nothing of his real estate holdings that he must look after.

Don't worry. We'll manage to run both the paper and the county clerk's office to the satisfaction of all after January 1, 1903.

#### Notice to Candidates.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Scott county Democratic central committee, held at Benton on March 11th, 1902, the following amounts were assessed against each candidate to defray the expense of holding the Democratic primary election, April 3, 1902:

Congressmen, \$10 each.  
County offices, \$7.50 each.  
Township offices, \$2.50 each.

The above amounts are to be paid to Dr. S. J. Wade, at Benton, Mo., on or before March 23, 1902, to insure names being printed on ticket.

The candidates names will appear on the ticket in respective order as assessments are paid in.

P. H. Boyce, Secretary.

Invest a dollar in the Kicker.

## Business Talk No. 1

Hello. HELLO! Hello.  
Is this A. BAUDENDISTEL at Kelso, Mo?

YES, SIR.  
How is that stock of Hardware you just opened up?  
All right. Our stock is the most complete that it has ever been our privilege to own. Why, we are actually selling more Hardware than we anticipated.

Are you still handling the Diamond Edge Hardware Tools?  
Certainly. After handling them successfully for 15 years I don't see how I could run a store without them.

What line of Paints do you handle?  
The Sherwin-Williams Paint. It cover the earth, gives satisfaction.

What line of Plows do you handle?  
Why, the three leading brands of the world---John Deere, Oliver Chilled and The Vulcan; also, Bucher & Gibbs' 50 and 60 tooth Harrow.

Say, are you handling Cook Stoves?  
You bet. I will sell you a good one for \$7.50. And the beauty of it is that we take all kinds of Produce in payment for these goods. Tell your neighbors about this, and bring your children to see the Elephant.

Do you still handle the American Steel and Wire Fencing?  
Yes, sir; and have a stock of Yard and Lawn Fencing on hand.

You no doubt handle a large stock of Groceries?  
Yes, sir; sell coffee at 10c per lb.; A1 good rice, 5c lb.; Tomatoes, 3-lb can for 10c; Corn, 3 cans for 25c; Sugar, 18 lbs for \$1; regular 15c can of Baking Powder for 10c.

How is your stock of Seed and Eating Potatoes?  
We have a large stock on hand and are selling 'em cheap. Also, a large supply of Stock Peas, Grass Seeds, Clover Seed, etc.

You know we have a fine line of Dry Goods--Calicoes, 4c and 5c yd.; 6 spools Coates' Thread, 25c; Bleached and LL Sheeting, 4c yd.

We handle Lime, Cement and Hair, Hay Carriers, Forks, Hooks and Rope--Meyers' Hay Tools--and Pumps.

Buy your Easter Shoes of us. Men's work Shoes, worth \$1.50, will sell you at \$1.00.

We want your Produce and will pay you Highest Prices for same.

Well, I must ring off; we're always busy; come and see me; goodbye.

## A. BAUDENDISTEL

#### County School Supervision.

At the next annual school meeting the people of Scott county will have an opportunity to vote to retain or change the present system of school supervision. At present we have what is known as a county school commissioner. His compensation consists of fees and amounts to perhaps less than \$200 annually.

If the people vote to change this, then we will have a county superintendent, or supervisor, who, if he complies with the law, will have considerable to look after. He will have general supervision of all the schools in the county and must perform all the duties now required of the county commissioner and receive like compensation. He must visit schools, examine the classification of pupils, inspect ventilation, note the condition of building, furniture, grounds, and appurtenances thereto belonging, and report the same to the board in writing, and do many other things.

The county court will be required to furnish the superintendent an office at the county seat and, if we understand the law correctly, pay to him a salary of five hundred dollars per annum in addition to the compensation now allowed the school commissioner. This salary is to be paid out of the county treasury quarterly--at each regular session of the county court.

George Lemley Killed.  
While horse-racing with friends on the road near Gratz mill, Saturday evening, George Lemley, of Blodgett, met his death.

According to reports here, Mr. Lemley, Fred Sparks and Murray Powell had returned from Blodgett and were at the Lemley home. One of the men asked the others to accompany him home. All lived in the neighborhood and started on horseback. On the road they began to run their horses. Mr. Lemley tried to rein his horse around a tree in the road, but the horse refused to be guided and, Mr. Lemley being a heavy man, was leaning to one side in his effort to pull the horse around, struck the tree about the stomach and was internally injured to such an extent that he lived but half an hour.

Repentant Sinner Forgiven.  
Public Ownership Leader, St. Louis.

Accidents will happen, even in the best regulated papers. Brother Phil Hafner, of the Scott County KICKER, says we failed to credit his paper in reproducing one of its able and vigorous editorials. We assure you, Bro. Hafner, this was an oversight on the printer's part, not on ours. We don't believe in larceny, even of so tempting a thing as one of the Kicker's editorials. We have blown up our printer, our printer's devil, and guarantee that henceforth neither one of them will forget to give the Kicker due credit.

Scrap Iron Wanted.  
100,000 pounds of scrap iron wanted at once. Also worn out machinery, old brass, copper and rubber.

J. M. Jones & Co., Benton, Mo.

#### From Manning.

Manning is a quiet, peaceable community, and we feel that we have a right to recognition in the KICKER. While we have neither electric lights, street cars nor a board of aldermen to grant franchises and give away that which belongs to us in common, yet we have prospects of rural free delivery, and a petition has been circulated and liberally signed asking for the service with Commerce as the distributing station.

Fritz Ramin and daughter, of Stoddard county, spent several days here among old friends last week. They have returned home and took with them August Hillemann as guide.

Our country is being somewhat cut up with railroads, and the Housek system has neglected to put proper signboards at railroad crossings.

The annual examination at the German Lutheran church will take place on Friday of this week.

Three boys and four girls will be confirmed at our church on Palm Sunday--March 23.

Rev. Fuchler made a trip to Poplar Bluff recently and delivered a sermon there.

The infant child of August Schlaegel was buried here Friday.

#### From Morley.

Judge Bugge, Lon B. Williams and Albert Evans attended the T. B. H. congress at Charleston last Friday and Saturday. They report a nice time. Morley gets the next congress--sometime in October.

C. D. Harris sold his stock of goods to Johnson Dabbs this week, who will move same to Vanduser and open up in the Moss Tie company's building.

Silas White, of Sikeston, was here a few hours Tuesday. He informed us that he would be in the race for representative.

The entertainment given under the auspices of A. O. U. W. lodge Monday night was quite a success.

Miss Hattie Adams opened up her millinery store this week in P. H. Boyce's store building.

Born, on March 12, to the wife of James Pool, a fine boy. All doing well--especially Jim.

E. F. Brynans, of Oran, was here Monday on business.

Frank Emerson, of Sikeston, visited here one day this week.

The infant child of Elmer Joyce was buried here Tuesday.

Mrs. J. J. Hunter has been on the sick list this week.

#### Silas W. White.

In this issue of the KICKER appears the announcement of Silas W. White, of Richland township, as a candidate for representative of Scott county--subject to the primary. Mr. White is no stranger to the people of Scott county--having served as collector of the revenue for eight years. He was first elected in 1888 and re-elected in 1890, 1892 and 1894. He is a good "mixer" and has many friends in the county who will work for his success. He has spent his past among the people of Scott county and knows their needs and desires.

#### From Oran.

Mrs. Ida Ferguson, who has resided in our midst for the past three years, has gone to Mexico to open up a millinery store. We are very sorry to lose Mrs. Ferguson as she was a good and pleasant citizen. Some of our gentlemen friends are almost in the notion of leaving too. We truly wish her success but hope she will return as a resident to our town again.

The degree term of the tribe of Ben Hur went to Charleston on Friday evening of last week to contest against the Morehouse and Sikeston lodges. The Oran lodge won the bible, and probably, the banner too. Of course Oran is in the lead in everything. Success to our lodge.

Died, Saturday, March 15, 1902, Mrs. Goodrich, mother of Mr. J. H. Malone and Mr. Joe Goodrich. Mrs. Goodrich was quite old and prepared to die. Funeral services at the Baptist church conducted by Mr. L. D. Nutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watkins have again returned to Blodgett where they will make their future home. They are some of our very best citizens and we regret to have them leave, but wish them success.

Smallpox still holds sway but people are not nearly so scared as formerly, and the business, schools and religious gatherings are attended as usual.

Contractors are now at work on the grade of the St. Louis, Southeast and Memphis railroad. 'Tis surely coming to town.

Miss Minnie Belkan, of Fredericktown, accompanied by her brother spent a few days visiting in our town this week.

Glady's Allen, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Joyce, died after a long illness at the residence of Mr. Elmer Joyce.

Miss Georgia Clouson and Mr. Roy Williams visited the family of J. W. Clouson on Saturday.

Miss Lou O'Brien has returned and opened up a new stock of millinery at Mr. Stubbins' store.

Mr. Boutwell, formerly of Sikeston, is now a resident of Oran. We are glad to have good citizens move in.

Mr. N. Towns will make his home in our little burg in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stubbins and son are spending the week in the city.

The old Watkins house, situated on the Oran and Morley road, was burned Tuesday.

Mrs. Chris Jousan, who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allison, returned to her home in Sikeston Sunday.

Mr. James McPherson, of Benton, was on our streets Tuesday.

Mr. Silas White was shaking hands with his many friends in town this week.

Mr. Lon Williams was also looking after his interests here Tuesday.

From New Hamburg.

Tickets are out for an entertainment by the pupils of our school on Monday, March 31, at 2 o'clock, p. m. A good program, consisting of songs, recitations and short plays has been prepared. The zeal and energy displayed by the little ones in their rehearsals during the past few weeks indicates that the visitors will be highly entertained.

The little daughter of Mike Dimberger met with a painful accident last week. While sliding down the "bummers" of the steps to the basement of the church, a ring on her finger caught on a nail and tore off the finger. Amputation was necessary.

Several of our young ladies are having "quitting parties." What does this mean? Perhaps we will hear more about it after Easter.

Frank Grojan has returned from St. Louis, and his new goods are coming in. In fact, all our stores are filled with new spring goods.

Nick Mantz, the Rock View merchant, visited our city last Wednesday.

A new bridge was put in across the ditch near the old Dimberger mill site, being a neighborhood road the work was done by neighbors.

Our people began gardening last week. They did not expect the cold snap of this week.

John P. and Frank Westlich were in St. Louis the first of the week.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wendolin Scherer Sunday.

#### ROUND-ABOUT.

For Sale--A good farm of 192 acres--100 acres in cultivation. Good 2-story frame dwelling, green, red, blue, plenty of good water and all modern conveniences. Within 30 minutes' drive of either Oran, New Hamburg or Benton. For further information apply at the Benton office.

The funeral of Judge William Ballentine, at Commerce, last Friday, was largely attended. Judge Ballentine had many friends and was respected by all. The editor regrets that a child in his eye prevented him attending the funeral.

Mr. Heiserer & Co.'s spring and summer millinery display is great and Miss Gornell, of St. Louis, is here to see to it that decorations and trimmings are up to date.

Rockyview boys arrived to contest for publication last week, but it may not be necessary to mention that a new boarder stopped at the residence of V. L. Green, and that Nick Mantz visited St. Louis.

Mr. Moore's, at Commerce, want your trade, and as an inducement guarantee honest values and low prices. They are offering rare bargains in all lines at all times.

P. E. Genoway, of Fredericktown, was in the county this week in the interest of the T. B. H.

Mr. Ambros Biles is agent for the W. P. Walker's nursery, of Potosi, Mo., and will be around to see the people who want fruit trees.

Miss Gornell, milliner for Heiserer & Co., arrived Wednesday.

Harry DeWint went to St. Louis this week.

For Sale--387 acres; 140 acres in cultivation at Batt's school house; 90 acres in cultivation on Little River. One-third cash; balance on long time. W. R. BARRS.

Don't forget Moore's Reduction Sale at Commerce. They want room and are making sacrifices to get rid of their goods.

Lon B. Williams, W. R. Butts and Jos. Watkins, all candidates, were in Benton this week.

Get Miss Gornell to trim your spring hat for you. She has charge of the millinery department at Heiserer & Co's.

Joseph Bechel, John Meiz, Matt Meiz, John B. Meiz and Uebel Bill, Polst, all of Bleda, were seen on our streets Thursday.

Mr. Moore's, at Commerce, are receiving goods every day, and their prices are lowest.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dimberger, of the New Hamburg settlement, were in Benton Thursday.

The pupils of St. Lawrence school will give an entertainment at New Hamburg on March 31.

#### Lost All By Fire.

The house occupied by H. P. Proctor, on the Watkins farm, between Benton and Morley, owned by Wm. Hunter, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

All of Mr. Proctor's furniture, bedding, provisions and all the family's clothes were burned--in fact, everything he owned was consumed. His loss is about \$400, no insurance.

John Johnson and C. D. M. Gup-ton, of Morley, were slightly burned while attempting to save some clothing from the burning building.

Mr. Proctor informs us that in order to begin house-keeping again he will be compelled to dispose of some of his stock, and offers a fine team of 100 hand mules and three cows and calves at prices far below their value.

## Here we are Again!

### Ready For Spring Business.

We offer you special inducements for Easter Week. We have just got in a fresh stock of goods of every description. Read our prices.

#### Dry Goods.

Lot of Calico at 3c and 4c per yd  
Lot of Calico, worth 6c, at 5c per yd  
Wash Dress Goods, worth 7c, now go at 6c per yd  
LL Sheeting at 4c and 5c per yd  
6 spools Coates' Thread for 25c  
Men's Work Shirts, 25c each  
We will also give you 10 per cent discount on Shoes. We handle the well known Gieseecke Shoes; every pair warranted.

#### Groceries.

18 lb Granulated Sugar for \$1.00  
Roasted Coffee that sold for 20c per pound, now 12c  
4 cans Corn for 25c  
Star Tobacco, 4c per lb  
Standard Navy Tobacco, 35c lb  
2 bars Busy Bee Soap for 5c  
Headlight Coal Oil, 10c gallon  
Best Rice, formerly sold at 10 cents, now 5c per lb  
Fine lot Seed Potatoes.

We will also pay you the Highest Market Price for your PRODUCE. Bring it to us and tell your neighbors to do likewise.

We thank you for past favors and solicit a continuance of the same.

Yours For Trade,

## SCHOEN & COMPANY, NEW HAMBURG, MO.